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DIVISION OF ASSESSMENT AND ACCOUNTABILITY

WEEKLY UPDATE #6

05/04/2015

The Idaho State Department of Education has created brief questionnaires that ask students and school/district educators about their experience taking this spring's ISAT Math and ELA tests (by Smarter Balanced).

The state department desires feedback from **students and adult educators** (administrators, district testing and technology coordinators, district special education directors, teachers, and proctors) to guide recommendations for future administrations and improvements.

Districts may administer the student questionnaires online, if desired, by using the following hyperlinks:

Grades 3-5 – <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/7K3LZ6R>

Grades 6-8 – <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/DRL3GFS>

Grades 9-11 – <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/DRCZK57>

Educator Survey - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/28F3LZW>

(Administrators, Test Coordinators, Technology Coordinators,
Teachers, Proctors)

ASSESSMENT AND ACCOUNTABILITY UPDATES:

Test Security Reminders

- **Cell Phone Policy:** Cell phones are not allowed in testing locations.

Actual Testing Times vs Estimate testing Times Table

- We will continue sending biweekly updates of testing times. We felt it would be useful to send these preliminary estimates now as some districts continue to build and modify testing schedules. The next update will be sent with weekly update #7.

ISAT ELA/Math (by Smarter Balanced)

- Students' scores for those testing prior to April 17 are **now available in ORS**.
- Clarification on **Classroom Activities** that are delivered prior to the Performance Task: These activities take approximately 30 minutes. There is no need to add to the content or extend the time past what is necessary.
- **Performance Task Test:** It is unacceptable to start the essay, pause the test, and then have students take home the question and work on it with parents or teachers. **Notes or previously typed information are not allowed into the testing area for any ELA or Math PTs.** These incidents should be logged on the Test Security-Incident report as test improprieties. TDS has the ability to determine if systemic issues are occurring and could lead to increased assessment monitoring.
- New and updated documents: *None this week*
- New page for parents and educators: Sample Math and ELA task/items by Claim-
<http://www.sde.idaho.gov/site/assessment/Claims.htm>
- **Upcoming Professional Development** ([sde.idaho.gov/site/assessment/PD](http://www.sde.idaho.gov/site/assessment/PD))
 - None scheduled at this time.
 - Please [click here](#) to view all announcements



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ISAT Science, Retakes, EOCs

- Parent Brochures both **English and Spanish versions** are now posted on the eDirect portal and on the SDE's webpage: <http://www.sde.idaho.gov/site/assessment/eocScience.htm>

National Center and State Collaborative Alt (NCSC)

- Adding Students: You must use the student's state EDUID. If you get a message saying "ID already exists" it means the student is already in the system. Call Toni Wheeler to reassign the student to the new school.
- Reminder: Tests should only be **closed** if a student demonstrates no observable communication mode. Tests should not be closed if the student has behaviors or chooses the wrong answer.

ISAT Alt Science

- ISAT Alt Science results for 2014-2015 are **now available in Schoolnet**. To access go to: <https://sn.sde.idaho.gov/main.aspx>
- To print a score report:
 - Go to Student Profile
 - Click Standardized Tests tab
 - Click Details
 - Click Create PDF
 - Check Standardized Test Data> Detailed Data> Last Test Taken by this Student

IRI

Testing Window April 01 – May 01 -Reporting/discrepancy deadline May 15th

- Application: <https://apps.sde.idaho.gov/IRI/Home/Home>
- SDE Contact: Stephanie Lee
- SDE Contact Email: slee@sde.idaho.gov
- SDE Contact #: 208-332-6903
- Technical/Password Support: support@sde.idaho.gov

IRI Alt.

- IRI Alt: <http://idahotc.com/alternate-assessment/Documents>
- SDE Contact: Toni Wheeler
- SDE Contact Email: tcwheeler@sde.idaho.gov
- Mail to: Toni Wheeler / ISDE / 650 W. State St. / Boise/ ID/ 83720-0027
- Post Marked by June 1

College Entrance Exam Test Dates – 2015-2016 SY

- Senior SAT Make-up Day: November 7th – Additional information will be sent out at the beginning of the 2015-16 SY
- PSAT School Day: An email was sent out on **April 29th** to gather district feedback
- SAT School Day: The College Board is working on providing Idaho with several options in March and April. They will be determining these dates by next week. Once received, Nichole will send out for a district vote.



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IELA

- **Archived Reports - Service Point**

-As we come to the end of the state's contract with the IELA testing vendor, Questar, it is important for districts to download all historical/archived data and reports housed on Service Point.

-While the Questar support desk will be available into the summer, it is advised that districts begin early and download all archived data and reports at the time they go into Service Point to download the 2014-15 data.

US Dept. of Education's Requirement Letter for State Testing

- [Click here](#) to read the full letter from the United States Department of Education Office of Elementary and Secondary Education regarding Idaho State assessments under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA).
- *ESEA section 1111(b)(3) (20 U.S.C. § 6311 (b)(3)) requires a State educational agency (SEA) that receives funds under Title 1, Part A of the ESEA to implement in each local educational agency (LEA) in the State a set of high-quality, yearly academic assessments that includes, at a minimum, assessments in mathematics, reading or language arts, and science. With respect to the reading/language arts and mathematics, the assessments must be administered in each grade 3 through 8 and not less than once in grades 10 through 12. With respect to science, the assessments must be administered not less than once during the 3 through 5, grades 6 through 9, and grades 10 through 12.*